

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on March 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 455, 3/7/2017; HB 456, 3/7/2017; HB 510, 3/8/2017; HB 407, 3/8/2017

00:00:02 Chair Vance

**HEARING ON HB 455**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:53 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 455, Review nondegradation rules for subdivisions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:01:43 Jeff Larsen, representing himself

00:02:59 Sen. Sesso entered the meeting.

00:03:27 Terry Murphy, Carstens & Associates

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:23 John Rundquist, representing himself

00:05:06 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

00:08:06 Nadine Nadow, Montana Environmental Information Center, Clark Fork Coalition, Smart Growth Coalition

00:09:38 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

00:10:45 Jeff Barber, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:12 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:31 Sen. Sesso

00:12:10 Mr. Rundquist, self

00:13:11 Sen. Sesso

00:14:09 Rep. Mandeville

00:14:50 Sen. MacDonald

00:15:31 Mr. Davis, DEQ

00:15:59 Sen. Sesso

00:16:27 Sen. Hoven

00:24:09 Mr. Davis

00:24:34 Sen. Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:43 Rep. Mandeville

00:18:40 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 456**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:54 Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 456, Clarify time lines for subdivision review.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:02 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association

00:20:48 Jeff Larsen, representing himself

00:21:59 Terry Murphy, Carstens & Associates

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:37 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:51 Sen. Buttrey

00:23:15 Mr. Davis, DEQ

00:23:26 Sen. Buttrey

00:23:32 Mr. Davis

00:23:46 Sen. Hoven

00:25:35 Rep. Mandeville

00:25:40 Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the meeting.

00:26:16 Sen. Sesso

00:26:50 Mr. Davis

00:27:14 Sen. Sesso

00:27:21 Mr. Davis

00:27:33 Sen. MacDonald

00:27:50 Mr. Davis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:28:07 Rep. Mandeville

00:28:43 Chair Webb

00:28:51 Rep. Mandeville

00:29:05 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 407**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:48 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 407, Revise sanitation in subdivisions rule requirements.

[EXHIBIT\(los57a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:26 Jeff Larsen, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(los57a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(los57a03\)](#)

00:37:20 Terry Murphy, Carstens & Associates

[EXHIBIT\(los57a04\)](#)

00:38:36 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:25 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:42 Sen. Sesso

00:41:07 Rep. Hertz

00:41:15 Sen. Sesso

00:41:51 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

00:42:49 Sen. Sesso

00:44:00 Mr. Larsen, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:32 Rep. Hertz

00:46:52 Chair Webb

00:46:57 Rep. Hertz

00:47:08 Chair Webb

**HEARING ON HB 510**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:18 Rep. Adam Hertz (R), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 510, Revise exemptions from sanitation in subdivisions review.

[EXHIBIT\(los57a05\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:49:59 Jeff Larsen, representing himself  
00:53:12 Terry Murphy, Carstens & Associates  
00:53:31 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association  
00:54:14 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
00:54:43 Taylor Oldroyd, Montana Association of Realtors

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:55:10 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:23 Sen. Hoven  
00:55:39 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
00:56:20 Sen. Sesso  
00:56:27 Rep. Hertz  
00:56:44 Mr. Davis  
00:58:14 Sen. Sesso

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:58:33 Rep. Hertz

**Committee Business:**

01:00:17 Chair Webb  
01:01:25 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division  
01:02:31 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:14 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los57aad.pdf](#))**